

you today about the meanspiritedness of the county board, I'm doing it right now. One of the most sacred things in our own society is the right of a person to be buried. We've seen Western movies talk about boot hill where people are buried. We know the sacredness of funeral services. We know how important it is that bodies be interred properly, but if you are poor in Douglas County, my county, if you're poor in Douglas County and you die, you're not assured in the first instance nor is your family assured in the first instance that you'll have a funeral. What happens in my county is that your body will be given to the State Anatomical Board, which may be a good thing if it is done voluntarily, but it will be given to the State Anatomical Board for dissection and for the education of medical students. And only if the State Anatomical Board refuses your body, will the county then see to it that you are buried. A lot of people in our society actually take offense with the notion that a person's body is to be first subjected to dissection and that a person's, and that that situation is a product of a person's wealth or total lack thereof. I personally have given my body to the State Anatomical Board and they may reject it when I die too for reasons of their own, but at least I did it voluntarily. But in Douglas County, your body is dragooned before the State Anatomical Board, before any burial is effected. That is the nature of what happens in Douglas County. Now Douglas County says, give us this bill so that we can take people who are in a bad fix and make them jump another hoop. We're going to pay them 3.35 an hour to do work which, incidentally, as Senator Withem rightfully points out, would normally be contracted out to others, like roadwork, like painting and so on and so forth. We're going to take these people and they are going to work off their pittance welfare payment at 3.35 an hour, but they're not going to be our employees so they are not going to be covered by workmen's compensation in the event they get injured. They are not going to be our employees so we don't have to worry about any fringe benefits. They are just working it off at 3.35 an hour. That's a meanspirited bill, that's a meanspirited bill. That's a bill which says you give away their bodies first and only if it won't be taken do you see to it it gets a proper burial. That's a meanspirited bill. Senator Abboud talks about the state not having an involvement with this issue. If you look at the fiscal note on LB 881, you will discover that there is \$155,000 that the state says it will spend because it contracts with 55 counties to administer their general assistance program.